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1. EXPORTATION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED EXCEPT FOR CERTAIN SMALL ARMS TO BE USED BY INDIVIDUALS FOR SELF-DEFENSE OR SPORT. THOSE WISHING EXPORT SMALL ARMS SHOULD OBTAIN PERMIT ISSUED BY MIN INTERIOR "COMMISSIONER OF POLICE" AND ENDORSED BY MIN OF COMMERCE AND SUPPLY. PENALTIES FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF EXPORTING "LEGAL" ARMS WITHOUT A PERMIT ARE A FINE OF UP TO LS 50 (\$125), IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO SIX MONTHS, OR BOTH. PENALTIES FOR THOSE CONVICTED OF EXPORTING PROHIBITED ARMS ARE A FINE OF UP TO LS 500 (\$1,250), OR IMPRISONMENT OF UP TO SEVEN YEARS, OR BOTH.

2. SINCE LOCAL MANUFACTURE IS LIMITED TO SMALL AMMUNITION FACTORY COVERING MILITARY AND POLICE REQUIREMENTS, AND SINCE IMPORTED SUPPLY IS SMALL DUE STRICT INTERNAL CONTROLS (75 KHARTOUM 1974), WE BELIEVE OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED EXPORTS OF SMALL FIREARMS ARE NEGLIGIBLE. MOST PERMITS ISSUED THUS FAR HAVE BEEN FOR GAME HUNTERS AND MEMBERS OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS. SOME SMALL ARMS ARE PROBABLY

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SMUGGLED OUT TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, HOWEVER,

ACTIVITY WHICH GOS HAS DIFFICULTY STOPPING IN VIEW OF
COUNTRY'S LONG BORDERS.

3. LARGER ARMS IN SUDANESE MILITARY INVENTORY ARE NOT
EXPORTED TO OUR KNOWLEDGE (NOR ARE THEY EXPENDABLE).
RECURRING RUMORS OF FOREIGN-OWNED ARMS TRANSITING
SUDANESE TERRITORY ARE NOT SUBSTANTIATED AND NO NOT IN
ANY CASE SEEM TO FALL WITHIN PURVIEW OF REFTEL QUERY.

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